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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b> <b>FY 2006</b> <i>(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)</i>		Docket Number (Optional) <b>2848 (203-3278)</b>																									
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For <b>SURGICAL SE SUTURE NEEDLE</b>																											
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<p>This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.</p> <p>The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th></th><th>Fee</th><th>Small Entity Fee</th><th></th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))</td><td>\$120</td><td>\$60</td><td>\$ 120.00</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))</td><td>\$450</td><td>\$225</td><td>\$</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))</td><td>\$1020</td><td>\$510</td><td>\$</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))</td><td>\$1590</td><td>\$795</td><td>\$</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))</td><td>\$2160</td><td>\$1080</td><td>\$</td></tr></tbody></table> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number <u>21-0550</u>. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.</p> <p><b>WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</b></p> <p>I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71(c); Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96).</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number <u>36,920</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 _____</p> <p><u>Joseph W. Schmidt</u> February 13, 2007 Signature Date</p> <p><u>Joseph W. Schmidt</u> 631-501-5700 Typed or printed name Telephone Number</p> <p>NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total of <u>1</u> forms are submitted.</p>					Fee	Small Entity Fee		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120	\$60	\$ 120.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$450	\$225	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1020	\$510	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1590	\$795	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2160	\$1080	\$
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